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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 October 2003 and 25 June 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 1-5, 10 and 15-17 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 6-9 and 11-14 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 29 October 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10292003.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Abstract

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Title

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: Circuit Breaker Comprising A Control Assembly And Interrupting Chamber And Method Of Assembly.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 3 lines 25, 32,28 and 36; page 4, lines 1,3,6,9,25; page 5, lines

10,14,17,29,a 31 include dashes at the beginning of the lines that should be cancelled. Any other errors applicant may become aware of should be corrected.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claim 6, 8 11,13 and 14 are objected to because of the following informalities: The phraseology and/or is objected to. For example in claim 6 it appears that the markers appear to project radially at an angle with respect to other given markers. Appropriate correction is required.

Otherwise claims 1-9, 10 and 15-17 appear allowable.

Claims 11,13 and 14 are further objected to because it is not clear if the underlined phraseology in claim 11; namely, "wherein..indentification marker of the ..is situated radially in register with another marker provided on the splined ring and/or on the control shaft ..and", is intended to be cancelled or retained in the claim. The underlined phraseology appears to be darkened (e.g. phraseology cancelled or phraseology adversely amplified).

Clarification and amendment of the objected to claims is required.

Claims 1,2,3,4,5,10,15,16 and 17 at present are allowed. All other claims are objected to but would appear to be allowable if properly amended to overcome the above-mentioned objections in the objected to claims 6,8,11,13 and 14.

Any other errors applicant may become aware of should be corrected 04\

Cited References

The two French patents and the sole European patent document constitute prior art by the applicant pertaining to operating mechanisms; however these references do not teach the use of an operating mechanism in a circuit breaker assembly having an interrupter chamber and a fixed and movable contact arrangement with the movement of the movable contact aided by a synchronization assembly.

Summary

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Note the above remarks with respect to the abstract, title , specification and claims, in particular claim 11.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

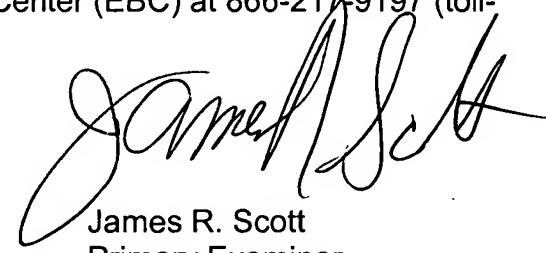
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James R. Scott whose telephone number is (571) 272-1999. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 1-5 pm EDT.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin Enad can be reached on (571) 272-1990. The fax

phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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December 9, 2004



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